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**TO**: Insurers, self-insured employers, medical service providers, clinics, and other

interested parties

**SUBJECT**: Fee Discount Agreement form and reporting

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Starting Jan. 1, 2009, medical service providers and clinics may enter into Fee Discount Agreements with insurers and self-insured employers. Insurers and self-insured employers must report agreements online before applying a discount.

This bulletin provides the form and reporting process that insurers and self-insured employers must use before applying discounts to payments under OAR 436-009-0040. Form 3659, "Fee Discount Agreement," is for insurers, self-insured employers, medical service providers, or clinics to use when entering into a Fee Discount Agreement.

## Form 3659 must:

- Be used for all Fee Discount Agreements
- Be printed on the medical service provider's or clinic's letterhead
- Be signed, dated, and reported to the Workers' Compensation Division

Fee Discount Agreements may not be amended. A new fee discount agreement must be reported to the division to change the terms between the parties.

## Before insurers and self-insured employers can apply fee discounts to medical billings, they must:

- Request a Personal Identification Number (PIN) from the Workers' Compensation Division
- Create an online account with the Workers' Compensation Division
- Report all Fee Discount Agreements to the Workers' Compensation Division online

To request a PIN, go to the Workers' Compensation Division's Web site at <a href="https://www4.cbs.state.or.us/exs/wcd/feedisc/">https://www4.cbs.state.or.us/exs/wcd/feedisc/</a>. Enter the required information, and a PIN will be e-mailed to you. PINs will be e-mailed Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., not including holidays and weekends. It may take up to two business days to process PIN requests.

After receiving the PIN, go to <a href="https://www4.cbs.state.or.us/exs/wcd/feedisc/">https://www4.cbs.state.or.us/exs/wcd/feedisc/</a>, enter the PIN, and select "Create Account." This only needs to be done once.

Go to <a href="https://www4.cbs.state.or.us/exs/wcd/feedisc/">https://www4.cbs.state.or.us/exs/wcd/feedisc/</a> select "Register Agreements" and enter the information on the Web form. Review the information, certify the registration, and retain a copy of the acknowledgement for your records.

For more information on Fee Discount Agreements, visit the Workers' Compensation Division's Web site at <a href="www.wcd.oregon.gov">www.wcd.oregon.gov</a>, click on "Laws and Rules" in the upper right corner, and review the Division 009 rules, specifically OAR 436-009-0018 and 0040.

If you have questions about this bulletin, contact the Medical Section at 503-934-6049 [new number: 503-947-7606] or e-mail <a href="wcd.medicalquestions@oregon.gov">wcd.medicalquestions@oregon.gov</a>.

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**Note to health care providers:** We now have a link that will take you directly to the division's health care provider Web page: <u>www.oregonwcdoc.info</u>.

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Attachment: Form 440-3659 (12/08) (http://wcd.oregon.gov/WCDForms/3659.doc)